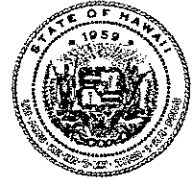


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Re: Docket No. 03-0417 – Application of Hawaiian Electric
Company, Inc. for approval to commit funds in excess of
\$500,000 for Item Y48500, East Oahu Transmission Project

Dear Ms. Awakuni:

We are responding to your letter of September 13, 2004.

Because of the timetable set by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), we understand the difficulty of scheduling a second public hearing before comments to the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) are due on October 8, 2004. Therefore, we withdraw our request for a second public hearing but reserve our option to pursue a follow-up community briefing if Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO) is agreeable. We are willing to work with HECO in sponsoring a follow-up community briefing at a later time in this process.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Saiki at 586-8485.

Sincerely,

SENATOR CAROL FUKUNAGA,
COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI, and
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